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Correction

In the Fall 2014 issue of the *Red & White*, there were errors in the story about Simon Petraki (Class of '99). The name of his non-profit is InstraMontréal, and the website for his studio is www.seratonestudio.com.

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ON THE COVER:

This year's students from China stand in front of the flagpoles. In honour of the visiting students from Wusong School, the College replaced its own flag with the Chinese flag.

Adapting to a Changing World

The thing about change is that every time there's something new, we have a tendency to think, "Well, that's it. We can't do any better than this." Think about email in the early 1990s. What could possibly surpass email? Well, how about texting, Skype, SnapChat... Who knows what's next?

Every time there's a change, we have to adapt our way of thinking and working. Sometimes adapting can be positive, such as new ways to communicate information with parents, such as our new weekly email bulletin. Other times, change can be difficult, for instance when a population can no longer sustain its institutions.

In this issue of the *Red & White*, you'll read two stories about adapting to changing populations. The first involves our neighbours across the street, Centenary United Church. As you'll read, the school has acquired this property from the congregation, whose numbers have been dwindling for years, as is the case with many congregations in Canada. Faced with this change, the congregation has adapted. They will no longer carry the burden of maintaining this important heritage building and at the same time will be able to continue holding services in the years ahead.

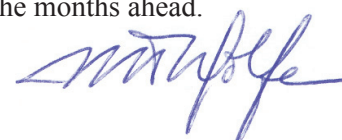
The other story of adapting to the times involves the increase in the enrollment of Chinese students at Stanstead over the past decade. Like church congregations, the demographic of school-age North American children is in decline. Private schools like ours must increasingly look to

the highly competitive international market to meet enrollment targets. At the same time, it is important for Stanstead College to remain a school that reflects the Canadian experience.

Change can be revolutionary, but in the above two examples, I think changes have been made for the betterment of all involved. As it did in the late 1950s when it became an all-boys schools and as it did again in 1979 when it welcomed back the girls or when it stopped accepting grants from the Quebec government, Stanstead College must occasionally undergo some shape-shifting to adapt to the local, regional and global communities. But we never delude ourselves into thinking, "That's it. We can't do any better than this." Experience shows us that change is just down the road.

As we reach the mid-point of this decade – and I approach the end of my tenth year as headmaster – it's good to reflect on our accomplishments as well as the challenges we have faced. We have done so backed by a strong community of alumni, parents, friends and supporters of Stanstead College. And there is much more to come – no doubt something even better.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the *Red & White* and wish you only good changes in the months ahead.



Moving forward: Headmaster Wolfe signs an agreement this past March with our latest “sister school,” The Olympia Schools in Vietnam. He is shaking hands with Christopher McDonald, Head of Schools, The Olympia Schools.

College acquires Centenary Church

In the latest chapter of a history that goes back to the school's founding, Stanstead College has acquired Centenary United Church.

The College has purchased the church and its grounds for \$1 and has reached an agreement that will allow the congregation to continue holding services there for at least the next 10 years.

For many years, the United Steeples Pastoral Charge operated four churches for one congregation – Centenary in Stanstead Plain; Stanstead South in Rock Island; Wesley United in Beebe; and Graniteville United in Ogden during the summer. The congregation sold Wesley about a decade ago and now, faced with dwindling numbers, has put the remaining three for sale.

Rev. Lise Kuzminska approached the College about taking over the property.

"The board immediately supported the idea," said Headmaster Wolfe, "Given the longstanding relationship with the church, even though the formal relationship was dissolved in the nineties, we still felt it was a strong one that we would like to maintain."

Former Methodist school

Stanstead College began its history as a Methodist school, and Centenary was a Methodist church. In fact, many of the congregation founders and benefactors, notably the Pierce family, were also involved in the early days of the school. College headmasters over the years have also served as ministers at Centenary, which became part of the United Church of Canada in 1925.

In recent years, the College has used Centenary to hold its annual Carol Service and Baccalaureate and Prize-Giving Service. But Mr. Wolfe says he envisions the facility playing a bigger role in the activities of the school.

"We can take advantage of the space when we have guest speakers, assemblies, concerts, plays, as well as traditional use," he said.

The church is in good order, with major renovations undertaken and a new slate roof installed approximately 12 years ago. The school has already been contributing to the upkeep of the grounds by voluntarily mowing the

lawn and clearing snow.

While the school purchased the property for \$1, the Property Committee estimates that it will cost the school a considerable amount per year to operate and maintain.

The committee will be looking at ways to best use the space. One idea that came up last year was to move the community garden to the lawn behind the church. Exploration of the grounds, however, revealed that it was full of cut granite, the remnants of the fire that gutted the original building in 1883 and simply buried out back.

In addition to Sunday services, the United Church congregation will be able to continue using the church for funerals, weddings, lunches and so on.

The official transfer to the College took place April 1.



One year, one scholarship 70 years later

When Andrew Martin looks back at the long, varied and productive life he has led, an important starting point for him is Stanstead College.

Mr. Martin spent a single year at Stanstead – Grade 10, 1943-44 – but, as he recalls from his home in Fredericton, NB, it helped him reorganize his priorities.

“I wasn’t much interested in studying before Stanstead,” he says. “I was more interested in sports, girls and having a good time. At Stanstead College, there was study every night. And the teachers were very good, very helpful. There was always one of them on duty to help you out if you needed. I’ve always been grateful for that.”

More than 70 years later, Andrew Martin is showing his gratitude by creating an endowed annual scholarship that will bear his name.

After Stanstead, where young Andrew played football and hockey, skied and ran track, he played more football and coached back in his hometown at St. Lambert High School. Finishing up at Montreal High School (which was just an excuse to play more football, he admits), Andrew played one year with the CFL Toronto Argonauts.

“In those days, football at that level, or any level, could lead to a lot of injuries,” says Mr. Martin. “I decided this was not the way I wanted to go.”

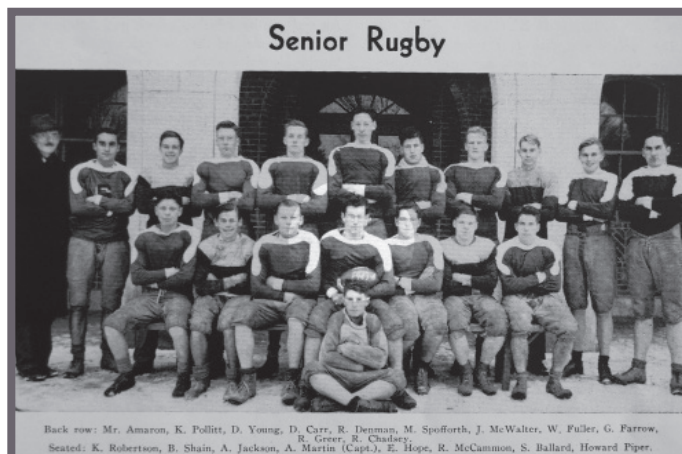
Instead, he applied to and was accepted at McGill, where in 1951 he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education.

“I’m pretty sure being accepted at McGill had a lot to do with my year at Stanstead,” he says.

Those years spent in Montreal were enough to convince Andrew and his new wife Janet to be done with city living. Instead, they headed east to New Brunswick, where he found himself a big fish in a small pond.

“One of the smartest moves my wife and I ever made was going to the Maritimes. The high school population was growing big time then, with all the vets coming back, having children. There were new schools being built all over. But New Brunswick had very few qualified physical education specialists. There were all kinds of opportunities.”

Mr. Martin ended up teaching physical education at



Andrew Martin, front centre, captain of the 1943-44 football squad at Stanstead College.

the new Sackville High School. During two summers, he served as interim editor of the local paper, *The Sackville Tribune Post*. It was one of the many varied pursuits he tried his hand at over the years while developing a career as an educator. Other activities included co-founding Orienteering New Brunswick, archery, serving as editor of *Canadian Archer*, working as a news editor for CBC, and developing an award-winning weekly fitness broadcast for Atlantic grade-school children.

Along the way, he earned an MA at University of Iowa and spent a summer studying movement education at Chelsea College in England.

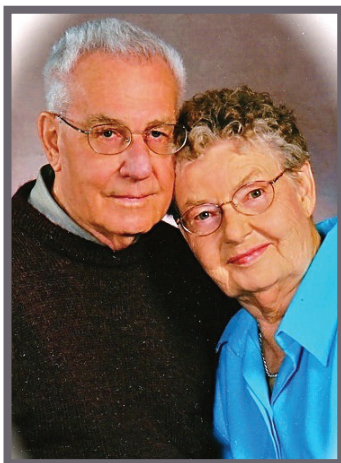
Mr. Martin was eventually recruited to establish a physical education teacher training program at NB Teachers College. Eventually, he took a position at the University of New Brunswick where he retired as Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education in 1987.

Retirement allowed more time for active pursuits like cross-country skiing and canoeing, and Mr. Martin still walks and skates.

However, life has a way of slowing down, whether you want it to or not. For the past several years, Mr. Martin has been caring for his wife and finding himself less able to do the handy things he once did. That’s when he began taking an active interest in... interest. In the process, he discovered he had a knack for investments. Having accounted for his own affairs, Mr. Martin now finds himself in a position to share his good fortune with others.

A simple email query to Stanstead College last February led to the establishment of the new scholarship. There are no strings attached to the award; it will simply go to a deserving student.

“Maybe there will be a student from somewhere who could use a bit of a lift,” says Mr. Martin.



Andrew Martin and his wife Janet.

Banner season for winter sports teams

For the second year, the **Varsity Boys Basketball Spartans** have won the provincial Visser Tournament.

Played at Howard S. Billings High School in late February, the tournament saw the Spartans open against Quebec High, winning 77-43. In game two, Stanstead defeated Chateaugay Valley Regional 60-40. After handily defeating the host Blazers in a semi-final, the Spartans met QHS again in the final, winning 67-54.

Spartan Sydney Davis was named MVP of the tournament.

This is the second straight year Stanstead College has won the Visser, which brings together the province's top senior boys teams from English schools off the Island of Montreal. It is also the second year the Spartans have gone undefeated against Quebec high schools.

It was another outstanding season for the Varsity Boys Spartans. In addition to going undefeated in the local ETIAC league, the boys won the Clint Dunning Tournament at Howard S. Billings, the BCS Invitational and the Cegep de Sherbrooke Tournament. The team also travelled to the CAIS tournament in Toronto, where their record was 4-2, the FREEDS Tournament in Windsor, the Champion Show-



Yousef LePabie, Benjamin Smith, Adil Ouahbi, Sydney Davis, Nicholas Burleson, Fernando Avila Gasperin, Akeem Philip, Theodore Thomas, Coach Mark Bembenek

down in Toronto and the BRIT in Saskatchewan. Overall their record was 33-9.

The only other ETIAC playoff basketball champions were the **Bantam Girls Spartans**. Following a league-winning undefeated season, the girls played a hard-fought, back-and-forth playoff final against Alexander Galt, winning 53-50. As part of their unprecedented season (for any Stanstead bantam basketball team), the girls also won the BCS Invitational and the Montreal Independent Schools (MIS) Tournament.

All this was accomplished with a roster of only seven active players. In fact, with the exception of two games at the end-of-season Newport Rotary Tournament, the bantam girls were undefeated. In the end, their record was 19-2.

The **Senior Girls Basketball Spartans** won the ETIAC regular season banner for the first time since 2009 but lost to an impressive Galt team in the playoff final.

The girls won their home invitational and earned silver at the Bailly and MIS Tournaments. Their overall record was 27-10. The end of the season will see the departure of five three-year senior girls veterans – Nayla Al-Ajami, Erin Butler, Lyanne Carruthers, Madysen St-Pierre and Julia Gilpin.



**Kneeling: Emily Willis, Ryoka Nagai, Sumomo Susuta, Abigail Murray
Standing: Coach Eryn Hessian, Francesca Richardi, Alexandra Smith, Alyssa MacPherson, India Kitchen and Coach Fatou Diagana**

The **Junior Girls Basketball Spartans** had a winning season with an overall record of 12-6 but couldn't get past powerful Galt, who won the league and playoff. The girls won the consolation final at the provincial Dunn Tournament.



Junior Varsity captains Max Bourque, Jordan Norris and Jacob Ducharme.

In hockey, the **Junior Varsity Hockey Spartans** won their regular season title in the ETIAC Senior League for the first time since 2009. Having won their playoff semi-final, the boys played a best-of-three final against Alexander Galt in March but lost in two games against their Lennoxville rivals.



The Varsity Boys celebrating their home invitational win: Front (l-r) Alexander De Jordy Butler, Matthew Chan (kneeling) David Jankowski, Drew Packman, Christopher Smith. James Zanca, Caleb Perez, (1st standing) Grant Baird, William Lebel, Erkka Vanska, Ethan Rist, Antoine Belisle, Filip Dusek, Bradley Brule, Kari Belec, Blake Dalton Coach Poliziani, (2nd standing) Axel Cote, Jeremy Desche-neaux, Nathan Sanderson, Nicolas Arel, Brandon Saarloo, Coach Thompson

At the varsity level, the **Varsity Boys Hockey Spartans** won the Bowers Division in the MPHL and had the best record in the league but underwent a disappointing playoff weekend to end their league season. Here at home, the boys won their Stanstead Invitational for the first time since 2010. The team also won the bronze medal at the National Independent School Invitational Tournament in Toronto. Prior to heading to Switzerland during March break, the team had a record of 33-14-5.

The **Varsity Girls Hockey Spartans** improved their record as the season progressed, finishing 23-19-9. A look at the score sheets indicates that the girls consistently outshot their opponents but couldn't manage to bury the puck.

The girls had a strong run at the end of their season, however, making it all the way to the final in their NA-PHA league playoff but could not hold off their rivals from Nichols School, losing 3-0.

Coach Simard Honoured at Davis-Dunn

Veteran teacher and coach André Simard was honoured this spring at the Davis-Dunn Junior Basketball Tournaments with a new trophy engraved with his name.

The André Simard Trophy will be presented annually to the MVP of the Lenn Davis Tournament for junior boys.

The provincial AAESQ Athletics Committee, which oversees the provincial tournaments, made the decision last fall. Bob Kay, long-time Massey-Vanier basketball coach, was honoured as the Dunn Tournament MVP namesake.

"I was extremely pleased that the group made this decision," said Michael Languay, chairman of AAESQ Ath-



letics. "There are no bigger names in AAESQ high school basketball in my years of involvement. Your commitment to your schools, your teams and the association are without equal."

In addition to coaching basketball at all levels, Mr. Simard was Stanstead's Director of Athletics from 1996 to 2012.

While Stanstead's Junior Boys did not qualify for this year's Davis Tournament, the Junior Girls travelled to Centennial High School, where they won the consolation final. Mr. Simard was able to present the Dunn MVP Trophy on behalf of the absent Bob Kay.

Headmaster Michael Wolfe mentioned the honour for Mr. Simard at the Winter Athletic Assembly, an announcement that was met with a standing ovation from the students and faculty.

Five grads for McGill, one bound for Harvard

After last year's single acceptance, McGill University has further demonstrated its willingness to consider exceptional students coming out of Stanstead's Grade 12.

This year to date, five seniors have received acceptances to McGill.

While Stanstead's Grade 12 academic program does not fit precisely into McGill's standard admission category for Quebec students, McGill's admission process does allow a degree of flexibility to consider exceptional individual applicants, based on alternative or additional criteria.

Recall that, traditionally, Quebec universities have not accepted any graduates directly out of Quebec Grade 12 programs, though universities elsewhere in Canada and the United States have readily done so.

Last year, however, McGill accepted a Stanstead applicant under a provision known as the "Gifted and Talented Student" clause.

The university's willingness to look at SC grads has been further enhanced by its recognition of Stanstead's accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), an accreditation already recognized by U.S. colleges and universities.

"Constructive, student-centred dialogue between our schools has solidified McGill's appreciation for the academic values of the College," said Director of Academics Andrew Blair.

In addition to McGill, Bishop's University in Lennoxville continues to offer placements to Stanstead grads.

"We are extremely pleased to further our relationship with one of Canada's top universities," said Headmaster Michael Wolfe. "This gesture of openness on the part of McGill University provides our graduates with yet one more option in the pursuit of their post-secondary goals, and we are confident that McGill will likewise benefit from counting Stanstead graduates among its student body."

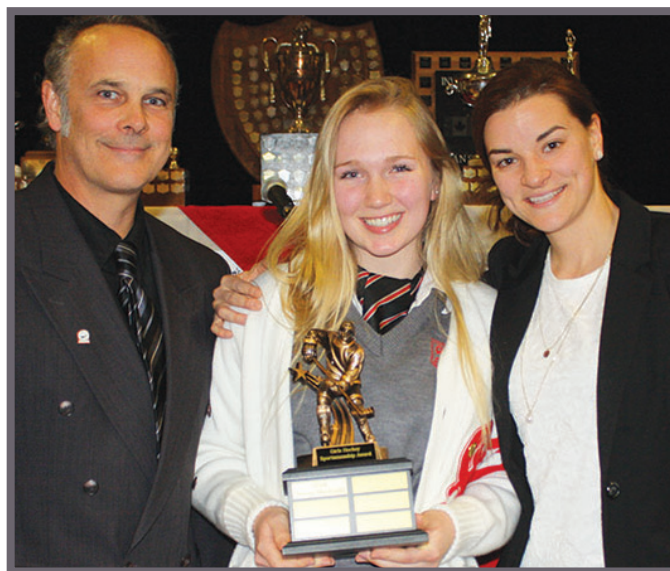
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Geneviève Quirion of Lac-Mégantic, Quebec will be heading to Harvard University in the fall.

Geneviève has been recruited to play rugby for the Crimson. She has yet to declare her major.

Gen has attended Stanstead since Grade 9. In addition to her stellar academic record, she has been a three-term athlete in soccer, hockey and rugby. A recipient of two Senior S awards last year for soccer and rugby, this year she won her first Major S in soccer.

In addition, Gen is in her second year as a prefect and is a talented pianist.



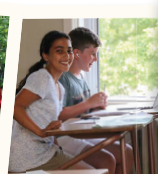
Gen Quirion receiving her hockey Sportsmanship award from assistant coach Luc Charest and head coach Sarah Vaillancourt.

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Stanstead sets sail with A+ Academy

Stanstead College has entered an affiliation with A+ Academy, an Ottawa-based school whose classroom instruction takes place aboard the globe-travelling tall ship, S.S. Sørlandet.

The successor to the Class Afloat program, A+ Academy offers a rigorous two-year pre-university curriculum leading to studies in the sciences, humanities, social sciences and business. While working the ship and sailing from port to port, students are able to acquire credit for studies that are recognized in their home jurisdiction thanks to partnerships with various international schools.

Stanstead College will be the exclusive Canadian school associated with A+ Academy, allowing students wishing to graduate with a Canadian diploma to do so from a highly recognized institution with similar values and school culture.

“We are excited to become affiliated with A+ Academy and extend our academic reach beyond the borders of our school,” said Headmaster Michael Wolfe. “With our international student body, Stanstead College has long embraced a global view. Our new association with A+ Academy helps put that view into practice.”

The head of school is Terry Davies, a Stanstead past-parent (Rhys 2013). His career in education extends over 40 years, including as a founder of West Island College and its offshoot Class Afloat.

For more about A+ Academy, visit www.aplusacademy.org.



New language lab for ESL students



A challenge many of our international students face is learning and improving their English, a necessary requirement for succeeding at Stanstead College and for entrance into North American universities.

In order to help students succeed, Stanstead College has established a new English Second Language (ESL) lab in the Languages Department of LeBaron. The lab is designed to provide support to groups of 10 to 12 students at a time, each student having his or her own work station consisting of a computer, software and audio equipment linked to the teacher. This program is specifically designed to help ESL students with speaking, listening, pronunciation and reading.

The ultimate goal of the ESL lab is to enhance and improve TOEFL scores (required of international students in Grades 11 and 12) so that our students can obtain admission to their first-choice universities in North America.

The lab was made possible thanks to generous donations from several international parents.

Red and white and red: The China experience

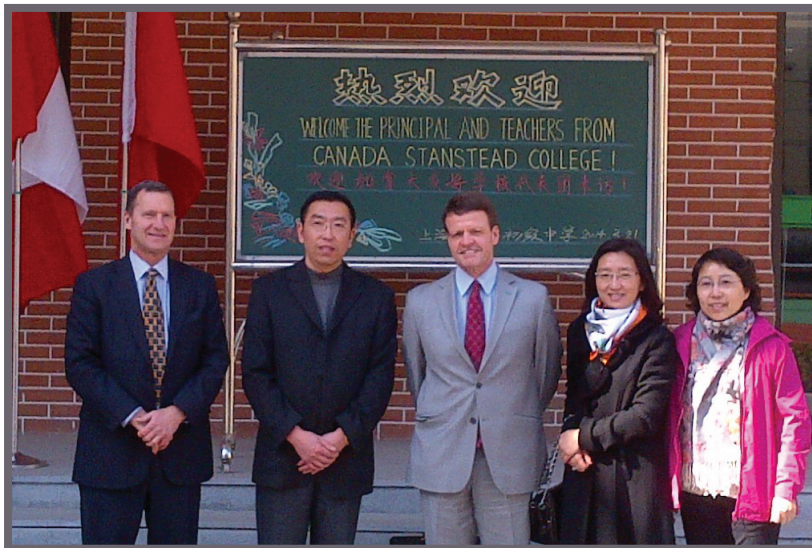
Ten years ago, you could count the number of mainland Chinese students at Stanstead College on one hand, with not many fingers. In 2014-15, there are 24 Chinese students at the school. After Canadian and American students, our Chinese students make up the third-largest nationality, surpassing even the Mexican population (17).

The change over the past decade is the result of foresight, good timing, a lot of work and a little luck, but it is not without its challenges and implications for the future of the school.

Go to the mainland

The situation in the early 2000s was this: Stanstead had long welcomed students from Hong Kong and Taiwan as well as Japan and South Korea, but the alumni base in that part of the world had not received a lot of attention. At the same time, the low Canadian dollar meant that the school could attract international students without much hands-on recruiting.

But the Canadian dollar rose. Simultaneously, private schools began to realize they were facing a major demographic shift, namely a steep decline in the number of school-age North American children. Suddenly, schools could not take the international market for granted. In fact, competition became fierce.



Director of Advancement Dugie Ross and Headmaster Michael Wolfe with members of Wusong School in Shanghai.

Around this time, Stanstead College launched an effort to increase its international recruitment. As part of this initiative, the school reconnected with its Asian alumni, which resulted in what would be the first of many trips for Headmaster Michael Wolfe.

“While we were in Taiwan and Hong Kong, our alumni kept saying, ‘You should go to the mainland,’” he recalls. China’s economic reforms had created new wealth as well as a new openness to Western relations, including the possibility of sending their children to study in North America.

Feeling their way

It’s difficult to prove, but Mr. Wolfe feels that Stanstead College was among the first schools to make forays onto the mainland. Usually accompanied by Director of Advancement Dugie Ross (1970), he feels that certainly the school was more active than most.

“At first it was Dugie and me stumbling around, seeing any agency we could line up, looking for any help we could get, learning as we went,” he recalls.

Regardless, the visits began to pay off in terms of applications and registrations. Much of this early success had to do with the good impression of meeting the headmaster in person.

“Face to face always helps, and certainly meeting the head of the school is taken seriously, so I try to go as much as possible,” said Mr. Wolfe.

The way was made smoother three years ago with the introduction of Jane Zhuang, now a school trustee and whose daughter Alice is in Grade 10. Ms. Zhuang’s many connections helped open doors and navigate networks.

“We began by casting a wide net. Now we’ve narrowed



Red for luck: Angela Chang joined the school in ringing in the Chinese New Year with a special celebration in the Student Centre.



Chinese New Year Celebrations.

it down,” said Mr. Wolfe. “We know the cities to go to, the language to use that best captures the school, and we’ve activated a parent and alumni base to promote word of mouth.” The result may eventually become a self-perpetuating model like that in Mexico.

Sister schools

Last year, Stanstead established a sister-school relationship with Wusong High School and Ya Nan Middle School in Shanghai. These relationships accomplish two things: they create a pipeline for high-achieving Chinese students interested in studying in North America; and they eliminate consultant agencies and their inherent fees.

This past January, a delegation of Wusong students visited Stanstead College for a week, participating in classes and exploring the region. An exchange is now in the works with the Ya Nan students.

In addition, this past February, thanks to the work of trustee and parent John Laroche, Stanstead welcomed six student-athletes from the Hong Kong Typhoons, the hockey club the College has sponsored the last few years. Here, too, the school is hoping to leverage its involvement with the team into attracting good students to Stanstead who can contribute to our hockey program as well as the school community.

Parent expectations

Of course, the meeting of two cultures does have its challenges. Among them is the expectation of Chinese parents regarding the end result of a North American education.

“At first, Chinese parents thought by attending private schools, their children were automatically going to get into Har-

vard and other elite universities,” said Mr. Wolfe. “But what is attracting them now, for the bulk of the parents, is the full spectrum of experience that a school like ours offers. They’re not satisfied with their system that teaches to the test, with large classes, and how one set of exams determines what school you get into. In other words, a lot more parents are thinking along the same lines as we do, namely the importance of nurturing the whole student.”

Chinese parents are also seeking a truly Canadian experience. Ironically, that means they don’t want the school to have too many Chinese students. It’s one more reason to resist the temptation of solving enrolment issues by admitting as many full-paying Chinese students as possible.

“We want to ensure that they’re still getting a Canadian experience, and we’re now in a position where we’re taking the very best applicants, mindful also of grade and gender,” said Mr. Wolfe. “But here’s the thing: the Asian population is growing in Canada. There are going to be more and more second-generation Chinese-Canadian students. We’re going to have to get used to the look of the school changing, just like the look of Canada is changing.”

The emphasis, then, becomes on framing study at Stanstead not as a Canadian experience (as in “Caucasian”) but an English experience. If anything, says Mr. Wolfe, this reinforces the importance of day students, who provide the College with a traditional Canadian base.

As for the future, the school plans to use the lessons it has learned in China to reactivate the dormant South Korea market as well as expand into Vietnam and Indonesia.



Visiting Hong Kong Typhoon players along with SC student Jordan Laroche (goalie), himself from Hong Kong.

The word from Mexico: 'I am grateful.'

*The following is an excerpt of a letter written to Headmaster Wolfe by **Maria Sanchez Perez**, who attended the College last year from Mexico. We are pleased to be able to share it with you.*

I'm Maria Sanchez Perez, and I was part of Stanstead College year 2013-2014. This year was to my surprise the best year yet, and I can assure you that it will be my favourite year for a long time. During this year I became someone completely different, and by different I mean a better person in so many aspects.

Academically, Stanstead College taught me how to be a better student. It taught me a way of studying that was new to me, which is understanding what you are learning instead of just learning it by heart. It taught me how fun school can be.

In sports it was a different experience. I enjoy doing sports and committing to the sport, but at Stanstead College I had my first chance to not just commit and enjoy but have a team and compete. Swimming was always my favourite sport, but when it came to a swimming team, it was all new. Practicing with almost 30 people, visiting other schools to qualify for finals, and in the finals winning some races but winning first in relays with my best friends – this is something that I will never forget. Just thinking about it makes me smile.

Socially, it showed me how important it is to have real friends. When I first arrived at Stanstead College, the only thing I was afraid of was the fact that I thought I would be alone and have no friends. After only an hour or two I realized that was not even possible. I made friends from all over the world who I now consider not friends but family. Even though we all continued with separate lives we are still special to each other, and we will be there no matter what.



Personally, Stanstead College made me responsible for whatever I did, whether it was something right or something wrong. It showed that no one will make better decisions for me than myself, because no matter how good someone might know me, no one knows me better than myself. It also showed me that life has its ups and downs, but it is always important to keep your head up, and never give up, because no matter how hard it seems, there is always something good to come. Stanstead College makes you feel proud of yourself no matter who you are.

I am grateful to the school for showing me everything I learned and making me different in every way.

I am so grateful to the school for giving me the opportunity to be part of the nicest place I have ever been, and for giving me the privilege of saying I am a Stanstead College alumna.

I am forever grateful to the school, the headmaster, the teachers, the staff, the nurse, my house directors, my teachers-on-duty, coaches, prefects and my friends for making this year the best and for being part of my unforgettable experience.

SC Annual Fund: Every little bit helps

There are no small donations to the Stanstead College Annual Fund. Whether you give \$20 or \$20,000, you join other generous friends, former faculty, alumni and parents in helping students enjoy an educational experience of a lifetime. That's something you just can't put a price tag on.

The needs of the school and its students continue to be great. In fact, demands for financial assistance continue to rise each year. Enrollment is also on the rise, with a current enrollment of 214 students, our highest in a decade. This is great news for the school, but it also stretches resources in terms of program demands

and what we can provide students and their families in the way of assistance.

You can do your share by donating to the Stanstead College Annual Fund. Please find inserted in this issue a reply form that will allow you to do just that. You can also donate easily through the website.

The goal of the 2014-15 Stanstead College Annual Fund is \$350,000. With your donation, we can together reach this goal and make a significant impact on young lives.

We hope we can count on your support. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Green Corner

Welcome to the second edition of this column where we provide insight into what the Environmental Committee is up to at the College. As we mentioned in the past, the College has embarked on a vision to create a space for eco-ethical experiences and education for not only our students, but the entire Stanstead College family including staff, teachers and alumni.

We are proud to announce three new members to our committee: Andrea Dumas (Class of 2008) who is currently completing her Masters in Urban Planning and is also part of our Property Committee; Madeleine Moore, wife of Sam MacCallum (1980) and an OAA - LEED certified architect who supports the College; and last but not least, Carole Larose who is currently the manager of Janitorial, Laundry & Alterations at the College. Along with Chris Wells, Stéphanie Delorme and VJ Bala, the new members round out our committee to the strongest it has been in years, and we are all very excited to deliver more to the mandate.

Below is a list of a projects we are working on:

- ***Celebrating Earth Day.*** Over the week leading up to Earth Day, as part of the ongoing effort to educate and encourage students to think and act on environmental issues, the College will be holding an inter-house competition with the theme of sustainability. Students will be “graded” each day during room inspection on environmentally sound practices. Points will be deducted for lights left on, windows left open as well as any

electronics running while not actually being used. It is our hope that students come to understand that small individual efforts add up to a collective difference. The winning house will earn points towards the year-long House Cup competition, which fosters a multi-faceted, spirited rivalry between the houses. We look forward to sharing the winners on our Facebook page, which you can find by searching “Stanstead College Environmental Community.”

- ***Utilizing ground heat*** under the outdoor ice rink to not only heat the Green Zone but also keep the ice on the rink frozen throughout the winter. We are in the midst of obtaining quotes for this project.
- We are looking at ***re-opening the Colby greenhouse*** so that the students may learn about urban gardening and get familiar with the idea of eating more locally grown foods. We are currently assessing costs and overall potential benefits of such a program.



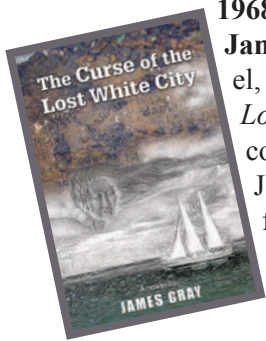
We look forward to sharing more with you in our next issue.



Class notes

1959

Still active in real estate after 35 years in the Outaouais, **Peter Despres** lives in Alymer, Quebec with his wife Marjorie of 22 years. They have two children and nine grandchildren who all live within a half hour of them. With a passion for boating, Peter and his family spend time enjoying the canal systems, 1000 Islands and Lake Champlain. He writes, "Stanstead College taught and gave me, in two years, the strength and guidance to challenge life and never give up."



1968

James Gray's first novel, *The Curse of the Lost White City*, will be coming out this spring. James has penned a few film scenarios and various short stories in the past and is a filmmaker.

1972

On November 17, 2014 **Paul Deutschman** (below centre left) was awarded an honorary doctorate of science by the University of Hertfordshire for his work in the automotive design field. Attended by about 1000 people including his family, the ceremony took place in St. Albans Cathedral in Hertfordshire, England.

1976

Retired now after working for Bell Canada as a technician and operations manager for 32 years, **Steve Hiscock** lives in Lindsay, Ontario with his wife Shelly of 32 years. Steve and Shelly have two sons, Adam, 25 and Jeff, 22.

1996

Juan Miguel Bueno Ros met with Joanne Ross during her recent trip to Mexico. Living in Cordova, and married with two young sons, Juan Miguel is currently the president and CEO of Manufacturera 3M, a company that exports equipment to over 40 countries. He hopes to be able to return to Stanstead in June this year after he completes a course at Harvard.



Congratulations to **Jeremy Levy** (above) who married Sabrina Fenster in Vancouver on November 25, 2014.

1999

On November 22, 2014, **Julie Dupuis** (below right) and her husband Alnoor Charania welcomed their first child, daughter Soleilya Rosa Charania to the world, weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce and 19 inches long.

2000

Jared Givarz and wife Brigitte are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Quilla (next page, top left) in February.





Lucille Villaseñor-Caron (above centre left) is a registered social worker psychotherapist and a registered yoga teacher who identifies as a Happiness & Wellness Professional, Therapist and Facilitator. She offers counseling, psychotherapy and yoga for individuals, groups, couples and families. Lucille describes the work as “magical” when experiencing the transformational moments that take place with her clients. She lives in Ottawa.

2002

Claudia Bueno Ros is currently in Madrid doing a Master of Design and Innovation at IED. She has spent the past five years working in her design studio in Mexico.

Michel Soler Acosta dropped by the school in early April. He lives in Nice,



France and travels daily by train to Monaco where he has been working at a bank the last four years. Prior to moving to France,

he lived in Brazil for three years. Michel's brother **Allan** (1999) is working on his MBA in Philadelphia.

2010

Fernanda Politanski (above centre right) is currently attending university, taking marketing at ESPM (Escola Superior de Propaganda e Marketing) and social sciences at USP (Universidade de São Paulo). She recently travelled with her family to Tanzania, Rwanda and Kenya.

2012

Hanah Azar is studying business and international relations at IE University in Madrid, Spain.

Kelly Foran recently placed second at the Atlantic Universities Physics and Astronomy Conference for the presentation of her summer research on “Detecting Arsenic in Rice Using X-Ray Fluorescence,” which was funded by the New Brunswick Health Research Foundation. She was also awarded a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) grant to continue her work this summer.

Sarah Lefort, a junior with the Boston University women's hockey team, was named a New England Women's Division I All-Star.

Mark Jankowski joined the Providence College Friars in its first NCAA Frozen Four appearance since 1985. Mark scored the go-ahead goal in the semi-final and scored the second goal in the Friars' 4-3 win over Boston U.



In December, former Stanstead College board chairman **Joseph Levy** 1969 was named Honorary Colonel of 3 Air Maintenance Squadron in Bagotville, which is responsible for maintaining the RCAF fleet of CF18 Hornets. Joseph has been working with the RCAF as a volunteer for several years doing some strategic work around their air shows.

2013

Miakong (Tony) Wu (above right) was successful in his application to the Illustration Year 3 program at Emily Carr University of Art & Design in Vancouver, B.C.

Daphney Ducharme-Roy stopped by the College over her break this March. She is currently enrolled in the nursing program at John Abbott College.



2014

Cesar Azar is now studying at Chapel School in Sao Paulo where he is doing the first year of an IB program.

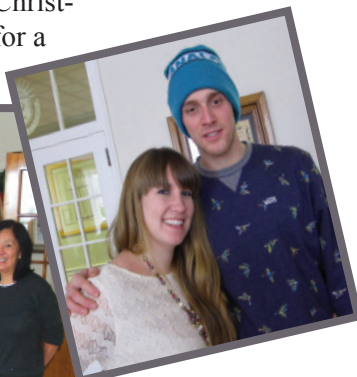
Christof Goettke is currently a student on Class Afloat.

Emily Norris was named Bishop's University Women's Rugby Rookie of the Year.

Reunions & Meet-ups

Home for the Holidays

A number of young alumni, back home for Christmas, dropped by the Colby Reading Room for a quick get-together on December 22.



Mexico Reunion & Soccer

The annual gathering in Mexico City took place February 5 at Lincoln Restaurant. The following Saturday, Stanstead's Mexican alumni defeated BCS alumni in the annual soccer game. The Spartans were down 2-0 with five minutes left but roared back to win 3-2!



Hong Kong Hello

While in Hong Kong, Director of Advancement Dugie Ross met up with Leslie Cheung 1994, Rowena Mak 1995 and Tsuyoshi Sawada 1994. He and Headmaster Wolfe also visited Nissim Tse 1979.

Alumni Hockey

There was an excellent turnout of former Spartans at the Pat Burns Arena in a Red-vs-White game. Past parent Peter Hopper (Max 2014) has posted a number of excellent photos on his Flickr page under "Stanstead Spartans 12-13."



Korean Connections

Admissions Associate Patrick Fraser was in South Korea, where he met up with Young-Joon Oh 2000 and also In Won Lee 2010 and his girlfriend.



German Selfies

Director of Admissions Joanne Carruthers was busy with her iPhone in Germany, capturing pictures with Isabel Hess 2014; Coralie Gauvin-Belair 2012, Julia Rathje 2013 and former faculty Karl Belair; Rita Chen 2008 who was attending a trade show; and Max Raabe 2006, Elena Jacob 2010 and Lissi Conradt 2010.



Ontario Encounters

Headmaster Michael Wolfe ran into Vicky Liu 2014 at the varsity boys hockey game in Toronto. While visiting University of Waterloo, Dugie Ross and Headmaster Wolfe met up with Jackson Qiu 2014, seen wearing school pride.



In Memoriam

Cecile (Rousseau) Ells

January 6, 2015

Class of 1941

Cecile grew up in Rock Island, Quebec. She married Leo Ells in 1955 and enjoyed travelling the world with him as a military wife. Together they had three children, Sandra, Helena and David. Her artistic and creative nature was seen in her beautiful sewing and needlecraft accomplishments. She loved to relax in the sun and enjoyed retirement in Florida before returning to Charlotte where she lived the last three years of her life.

Ross Hunting

October 2014

Class of 1943

René Hébert

November 4, 2014

Class of 1944

René will be missed by his wife Joyce Buckland and his children Ann, Jacques, Richard, Michael and Philip. Brother to Hector, Class of 1944, Raymond and Madeleine.

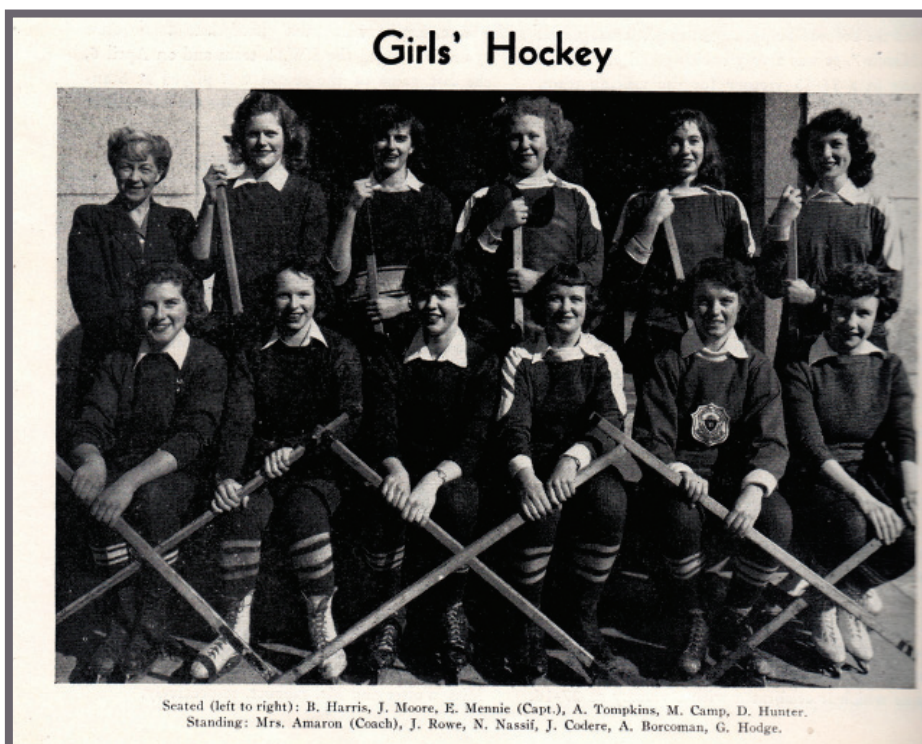


Barbara May (Harris) Martin

January 23, 2014

Class of 1946

Barbara grew up in Magog, Quebec and spent much of her youth visiting local farms with her father, who was a veterinarian. After graduating from Grade 12 at Stanstead College, Barbara obtained her teaching certificate from MacDonald College. She taught in Northern Quebec for two years and, after marrying, returned to the Townships to supply teach in Magog. A natural athlete, Barbara loved



Seated (left to right): B. Harris, J. Moore, E. Mennie (Capt.), A. Tompkins, M. Camp, D. Hunter.
Standing: Mrs. Amaron (Coach), J. Rowe, N. Nassif, J. Codere, A. Borcoman, G. Hodge.

softball, downhill skiing, hockey and curling. Loving mother of Julia, Sally and John, she is predeceased by her husband Kenneth and sister Helen Ruth, Class of 1943. *She is seen above in this photo of the girls hockey team.*

Joan (Codere) Martin

December 26, 2014

Class of 1948

Beloved wife of the late Emmet and much loved mother of Michael, Bruce and Jo-Anne. *She is seen above in this photo of the girls hockey team.*

Martin C. Greenspon

February 8, 2015

Class of 1949

In 1981, Martin launched Canada's most comprehensive franchise development group, M-Four International, which today operates globally and is the oldest firm in franchise development in Canada. He has been recognized as Canada's Who's Who for the many innovative entrepreneurial years he devoted to the business community. He is survived by his wife Shanta, son Lawrence and granddaughter Maja.

Margaret Cynthia Gordon

January 21, 2014

Class of 1954

Cynthia passed away in Brossard, Quebec after a lengthy battle with cancer. Raised in the Eastern Townships, Cynthia was the daughter of A. P. and Margaret Gordon and sister to James and the late Judith Gordon.

Corinne Patricia (Thomson)

Carnegie

May 27, 2014

Class of 1955

She will be greatly missed by her many friends and loving family. Corinne often spoke with pride about the wisdom gained and the many friends she made from her years studying at Stanstead. She went on to graduate as a registered nurse at Montreal General Hospital in 1960. Later that year she married Rev. Douglas Carnegie and enjoyed many years as a loving and caring minister's wife. She always felt greatly blessed, and her greatest gift was her role as mother to her three children, Geoff,



Steve and Andrea, grandmother to her six grandchildren, and aunt to her eight nieces and nephews. Stanstead College was a part of her family's tradition. Mother, Emily Margaret (Bishop) Thomson, Class of 1924, sister, Joan (Thomson) Dunn, Class of 1956, and cousins Larry Thomson, Class of 1954, and Don Thomson also attended.

Trevor Hughes

December 29, 2013

Class of 1961

Husband to Peggy (nee Spiers) for 36 years, adored father of Trevor and Victoria, and proud grandfather of Griffin. Trevor was a loving, caring and honourable man who worked hard all his life and had a great sense of humour.

Edward Randall Rich

February 28, 2015

Class of 1973

Jay Foster Gerber

March 1, 2015

Class of 1980

Jay was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts and spent his early years in Papua, New Guinea where his parents were educational missionaries. After Stanstead, he earned a degree in Mathematics from Queen's University and studied education at Lyndon State College in Vermont. For the last several years, Jay taught in the schools of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. Prior to his teaching career, he spent more than 10 years in Toronto, working for Quo Vadis International as a Director and VP of Sales and Marketing. A talented athlete as a young man, Jay coached basketball for many years while he was teaching. He was an active member of the Holland Community Church and previously held board of directors positions with several organizations, including the North Country Concert Association. He was also an honorary life member of the Stanstead Historical Society. Jay was a man with broad experiences who gave freely of his time to students and others who looked to him for special help and friendship. He is survived by his father Don Gerber and sisters, Lynda Nosek of Vancouver, BC, and Willow Gerber, Class of 1982, of Washington, DC.

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2015 Calendar of Events

May 7, 2015	Montreal Reunion
May 30, 2015	Graduation Dinner & Dance
June 20, 2015	Baccalaureate & Prize-Giving
September 25, 2015	Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament
September 26, 2015	Homecoming 2015



Alex Gagnon-Skoropad 2008 was the guest speaker at our Academic Assembly held in Pierce Hall Monday, April 13. He is seen here presenting an Academic Honours certificate to co-head prefect Julia Gilpin. It was also Alex's 25th birthday!

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